

University of Massachusetts  
Laboratory Safety Coordinators  
Minutes of October 4 Meeting  
Draper Hall 102

Present: Phyllis Berman, Kim Howell, Jonathan Tominar-Lipari, Jim Hanchett, Ron Grosslein, Sally Ives, Francis Merrigan, Joe Smith, Sherry Webb-Yagodzinski, Marv Ellin, Al Rakouskas, Adrian Parsegian, Kim Howell, Alex Briseno, Becky Lawlor, Sondra Slesinski, Andy Danylchuk, Hilary Woodcock, Jean Alamed, Glenda Pons, Bob Laford, Don Robinson, Yung Morgan, Betsy Blunt.

Meeting Start: 9:34

Meeting End: 10:33

Next meeting is December 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 Draper room 102

1. Don Robinson, Director EHS, addressed the safety coordinators, thanking everyone again for their participation in the program. He talked about some of the outstanding issues with Owl compliance and reassured the group that the problems are acknowledged and will be addressed. Don presented an EHS embossed tote bag to the Safety Coordinators in appreciation of their support and efforts.
2. Bob Laford, EHS Campus Safety Officer, gave an excellent presentation on Emergency Response issues pertinent to the UMass campus. Bob's 30 years as an emergency responder and information from his experiences were described in his presentation. He discussed some fundamentals of First Aid procedures, presented a list of materials that should be kept in a First Aid kit and answered questions regarding First Aid.

**Calling 911 from:**

a Campus Erickson phone call is dispatched to UM police.

a pay phone or Verizon-system phone on campus, is dispatched to Amherst Police

a cell phone:

(1) if sent to a 413 cell tower will be *primarily sent\** to State Police  
in Northampton barracks

(2) if sent to a cell tower *outside of the 413 area* will be *primarily sent\** to  
State Police in Framingham barracks

\*(3) some communities in Massachusetts have newer software that allows local  
cell tower 911 calls to be answered locally

Cell calls will ordinarily be forwarded to the appropriate local area by the State  
Police dispatcher.

Bob emphasized:

The importance of describing the exact location and description of the emergency, and not hanging up during the call until the dispatcher indicates it is okay to hang up.

The ICE (In Case of Emergency) Tool for your cell phone for you to identify who should be contacted for you, if you are involved in an incident.

Putting the UMass Police phone number (413.545.2121) into your contact list on your cell phone

**The Red Cross teaches the "Three C's" of emergency Care.**

**C – Check, C- Call, C- Care**

The first part of CHECK is always "**CHECK**" for my personal safety. Someone responding to an emergency should never endanger themselves. The second part of the CHECK is "CHECK" what the scene is telling us. Can the person in crisis talk to me and tell me what happened? Can others tell me about what has happened? Or does the scene itself give me clues on what has happened?

**CALL**, is CALL 911 for assistance.

**CARE**, is what CARE can I safely give to the person? Is it First Aid CARE? Is it comforting the person, or monitoring them until the arrival of more advanced care? Or because of an unsafe situation, the CARE may be that I called 911.

3. Bob also discussed the campus Automated External Defibrillator (AED) program and demonstrated the use of the AED. Bob encouraged everyone to learn basic First Aid including CPR and the proper use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)